

THE
ALABAMA BAPTIST
CONVENTION

1823-1842

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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Baptist State Convention of Alabama

HELD AT

GRANT'S CREEK MEETING-HOUSE,

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY;

Commencing on Saturday, November 10th, 1838.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10, 1838.

1. According to appointment, the Convention held its Fifteenth annual meeting with the Grant's Creek Church. Elder E. BAPTIST preached the Introductory Sermon.

2. The President, elder H. HOLCOMBE took the chair, and the Secretary, A. J. HOLCOMBE recorded the proceedings.

3. The names of delegates were enrolled as follows :

Coosa River Association. H. Taliaferro,* J. M. Scott.*

Union Missionary Society. W. Manning,* W. R. Stansel,* J. Holder, P. Kirkland, and M. L. Stansel.

Marion Female Society. P. Crawford.*

Church at Gainesville, J. A. Robertson,

Prospect Ridge Domestic Missionary Society. Thomas Atkinson.*

Church at Jones' Creek, Sumter county. John McInnis.

Church at Irwinton. W. M. Tryon,* and S. M. Boughton.

Tuscaloosa Missionary Society: J. C. Keeney,* J. A. Hodges, J. L. S. Foster, J. Lacy, and J. H. DeVotie.

Canada Association. H. Holcombe,* H. H. Rockett,* and Richard Wood.*

OTHER MEMBERS.

Tho. Willingham,*

S. M. Norris,

C. Finnell,

D. P. Bestor,*

B. S. Fant,*

John Sanders,

Thomas Chiles,

M. B. Clement,*

Benj. Burrows,

R. Wilkins,*

E. Baptist,*

Thomas Norris,*

A. J. Holcombe,

Hardy Foster,

J. C. Foster,

R. S. Foster,

J. Hartwell.*

James Foster,

Benj. Hodges,

Allen Woolley,

W. H. Holcombe,*

C. T. Ford,

M. P. Smith,*

J. L. Dagg,*

S. Dubose.

4. The Convention then proceeded to the election of a President and Recording Secretary. Whereupon, H. Holcombe was re-elected President, and A. J. Holcombe, Secretary.

5. Received Correspondence as follows : from the Mississippi Baptist Convention, letter and minutes, by one of their messengers, elder S. G. Jenkins. From Georgia Baptist Convention, letter through the hands of W. M. Tryon. From the Tennessee Convention, letter through the hands of W. H. Holcombe. From Home Missionary Society in Tuscaloosa county, letter by their messengers, elder H. W. Middleton, C. Finnell and J. Thomas. From Flint River Baptist Home Missionary Society, a letter by their messengers, W. H. Holcombe, and B. S. Fant.

6. The President appointed the following committees :

On arrangement of Preaching—J. C. Keeney, Jas. Foster, and J. A. Hodges.

On Agency—Middleton, Bestor, and Crawford.

On Nomination—R. S. Foster, Atkinson, and Clement.

On Arrangement of Business—Fant, Taliaferro, and Willins, with the President and Secretary.

* Ministers.

† Absent.

On History--H. Holcombe, Hartwell, and Manning.

On Education--Keeney, Dagg, and Baptist.

On Foreign Missions--Willingham, Manning, and W. H. Holcombe.

On Domestic Missions--Chiles, Rockett, and Tryon.

7. On motion, by J. C. Keeney, F. Baptist and M. B. Clement were added to the committee on Education.

8. On motion, by T. Willingham, D. P. Bestor and J. Hartwell were added to the committee on Foreign Missions.

9. At the request of D. P. Bestor, J. Hartwell was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath.

10. The committee on Preaching, reported --J. G. Walthall to preach this evening at candle-lighting, and W. H. Holcombe to follow. Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

[On the Sabbath, the pulpit was occupied by D. P. Bestor, J. Hartwell and B. Manly. It was truly a time of feasting on heavenly food.]

MONDAY, NOV. 12.

11. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Thomas Willingham. Called the roll, read the Minutes and proceeded to business.

12. The committee on arrangement presented their Report, which was adopted, and the committee discharged.

13. The Report of the Trustees of the Alabama Institute of Literature and Industry, was presented by D. P. Bestor, viz :

In compliance with an order of the adjourned meeting of the Convention, held at Marion, Perry county, in December, 1837, the Trustees have sold the whole of the premises on which the Alabama Institute of Literature and Industry was located, as seen by the Report of the Treasurer.

D. P. BESTOR, Pres't.

14. The Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees was received, through D. P. Bestor, and laid on the table.

15. The committee on Education, appointed at the extra session of the Convention, held in December last, presented the following article as their Report, which was approved by the Convention.

To the REV. D. P. BESTOR, Chairman of the Committee on Education.

DEAR BROTHER—Having been appointed by the Committee of which you are Chairman, to enquire for young men entering the gospel ministry, who need education, and to make such temporary provision for their instruction, as might be in our power, it is proper that we should report our efforts and their result.

As an important step in the prosecution of the business assigned us, the agents of the convention, brethren Holcombe and Fant, were requested in their visits among the churches, to state the object for which they had been appointed, and to encourage young

men to make application to the corresponding Secretary of the Committee. In two cases, communications have been received from brethren at a distance, expressing their wish to avail themselves of an opportunity to qualify themselves in a higher degree for ministerial usefulness. In the replies which were made to both of these communications, both of the brethren were invited to accept such advantages as it was in our power to offer. One of them had entered into an engagement to serve churches in his neighborhood, and found it impossible to sever himself. The other declined our proposal, for reasons that have not been learned.

We may mention a third case, which is at this time under consideration, presented by the friends of a young brother of promising talents, who is now very actively engaged in preaching. Whether he will feel it his duty to relinquish a part of his labors for the sake of giving himself to study, his friends have not yet ascertained, and of course nothing decisive has been done.

In concluding this brief report permit us to say, that although we are grieved that we have been able to accomplish nothing, yet we do not despair for the cause in which we have been engaged. God has been pleased to pour out his spirit very recently on many young men, some of whom he designs, we trust, for the ministry of his word. If we continue to pray that he send forth laborers into his vineyard, and to use our best efforts for making those whom he may send, workmen that need not be ashamed, we confidently believe that our prayers and efforts will not be in vain. We do therefore earnestly desire, that neither the Committee on Education nor the Convention, will regard the cause of ministerial education in our State as hopeless, or relax their efforts in its behalf.

Your brethren in Christ,

JOHN L. DAGG,
J. C. KEENEY.

November 8th, 1833.

16. The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was received, and will appear in its order.

17. The Report of the Corresponding Secretary was called for. He stated that on account of other engagements, he had not made it out; but if indulged by the Convention, he would prepare it and submit it to the inspection of such committee as might be appointed for the purpose. The request was granted, and a committee appointed, consisting of J. L. Dagg, J. C. Keeney and A. J. Holcombe.

18. T. Atkinson and H. Taliafero, Domestic Missionaries, presented their Reports, which were received and referred to the committee on Domestic Missions.

19. The communication from the Georgia Convention was referred to the committee on Education.

20. B. S. Faut, as agent, reported; and so much of his report as related to Education, was referred to the committee on that subject, and the remainder to the committee on Agency. H. Holcombe, also an agent, presented his report, which was referred to the committee on Agency.

21. The committee on Education, appointed yesterday, presented their report, which was approved and ordered to be printed. It is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave to Report:

We are deeply impressed with the conviction, that the subject which the Convention has committed to our consideration, is one of vast importance. The Head of the Church has been pleased to ordain the ministry of his word, as the great means of salvation; and the high authority of Heaven, and the claims of a dying world, demand of us that we do every thing in our power to promote the progress and efficiency of this divinely appointed means of good to our perishing race. We know nothing that is placed within our power, which will bear so directly and with so powerful effect on this important interest, as the judicious instruction and training of young men who are entering the gospel ministry. And we confidently believe, that the Convention will, if it faint not in its efforts in this good cause, reap, in due season, a rich reward.

It is the opinion of your committee, that the best method in our present circumstances, for prosecuting the object in view, will be, to excite a greater degree of attention to its importance, to encourage young men who have been licensed by the churches to preach the gospel, to aspire after such mental improvement as will qualify them for greater usefulness; and to provide, in some unostentatious way, such means of instruction as their necessities and our ability may allow.

As the best means which at present occurs to us of accomplishing these purposes, we respectfully propose to the Convention, the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That brother Baptist be requested to furnish for publication, a copy of the sermon which he preached before the Convention at the opening of the present session.

2. That the agents and missionaries of the Convention, and the members of our churches generally, be requested to urge on the young men who are entering the gospel ministry in different parts of our State, to neglect no means within their reach, of obtaining such education as they may need, to render their labors as useful as possible.

3. That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive application from any young minister who may desire to receive instruction; to place him under the private tuition of some minister of our de-

nomination, to whom he may have access, and who may be willing and competent to instruct him; and to appropriate to his use the funds of the Convention, intended for education purposes, which are now in the Treasury, or may hereafter be collected, according as his necessities may require.

4. That when a competent instructor cannot be obtained for a worthy applicant, the committee shall have power to purchase suitable books for his use and study.

22. On motion of D. P. Bestor, it was agreed that the duties contemplated in the above report, be assigned to the same committee, and that J. H. Devotie and A. J. Holcombe be added to the committee. On motion of J. C. Foster, D. P. Bestor was also added.

23. The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees, was taken from the table, and after a lengthy discussion,* the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to go to Greensborough, and consult with the Trustees, examine the nature of the funds expended in the operation of the Institute, and determine and recommend to the Convention, at its next session, what disposition shall be made of the surplus funds. E. D. King and H. C. Lea of Perry county. L. B. Lane and Wm Lipscomb, of Marengo, and J. A. Hodges, of Tuscaloosa, were appointed on said committee.

24. D. P. Bestor made the following statement and proposal to the Convention :

"It will appear from the Treasurer's Report, that I purchased a part of the land, sold by order of the Convention. I was urged by some of our brethren to purchase all of it; but could not. I have sold three acres, and now own ninety-two. It has been thought by those who wished me to purchase the land, that the Convention would be glad to redeem it.

"I now offer to the Convention the ninety-two acres, at cost. The premises are in better repair, than when I purchased. I ask nothing but the refunding of my money, without interest."

25. On motion, by A. J. Holcombe, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to brother Bestor for the offer; but it was not thought expedient to accept it, as the land could not be usefully employed by the Convention.

26. The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the subscriptions which have been made to the Manual Labor Institute, at Greensborough, and yet remain unpaid, be, and the same are hereby remitted.

Adjourned, to meet at half past 9, A. M. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13.

27. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the President. Called the roll, read the minutes, and proceeded to business.

* There was nothing in the Report which caused the least dissatisfaction in the Convention.

23. Resolved, That the Library given to this Convention by the Franklin Polemic Society, be still retained in the hands of D. P. Bestor, until otherwise directed.

29. The committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows :

That from intelligence received from the Foreign Mission Stations, there is great reason to "bless God and take courage." The Lord is blessing the labors of his servants, and bringing many of those, who, a few years ago, were enveloped in heathenish idolatry and superstition, to a knowledge of Jesus, and causing them to rejoice in hope of the glory of God. The night of error which has, for ages and centuries, covered them, is yielding to the light of the sun of righteousness. For these tokens of Divine favor, we have reason to be thankful. We weep for the loss of some, who have fallen victims in the fields of their labor, leaving the places destitute which they have occupied. But we would, in view of these afflictions, hush every murmur, by the belief, that the "Judge of all the earth will do right."

It is a subject of deep solicitude to learn, that the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions is so low, that there is a probability that the labors must be contracted, instead of being enlarged—that Missionaries must either be called home, or limited in their efforts. Must we come to this alternative? Shall there be a single clog or barrier thrown in the way of evangelizing the heathen? Shall those, who have once been called to part with all they loved on earth to GO TO THE HEATHEN, be called to the severe pang of "tearing themselves away" from their dear converted heathen brethren, and leave them as sheep without a shepherd, to be enticed and drawn back again to their former idolatrous customs? May the God of all wisdom direct the hearts of his people, that they may come forward in this critical and important juncture, and show, by their liberal contributions, how much they desire the prosperity of the cause of God in the world.

Your committee beg leave to present the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we approve the prudent course of the Baptist Triennial Convention, and that they deserve our sympathies and prayers.

2. Resolved. That it be recommended to all the Baptists of this State to redouble their efforts for the purpose of collecting and remitting money to meet the present, as well as the future demands of the Mission.

3. Resolved, That we have reason to be thankful to God for his providential care of the Missions, and that he has crowned them with the tokens of his kindness and grace; and that we are called upon to act with renewed vigor, confidence and hope.

4. Resolved, That we yield, with Christian resignation, to the dealings of God, removing some of the Missionaries from their field of labor, and that we pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send more laborers, faithful laborers, into his harvest.

All which is respectfully submitted.

30. The committee on Agency presented their report, which follows:

BRO. PRESIDENT.—The committee on Agency contemplate with pleasure the interest and zeal manifested by the agents of the Convention, in the prosecution of the work assigned them at its last annual meeting. Our aged and valuable brother and

father, Hosea Holcombe, though bending under the weight of years, is an active and zealous minister of Jesus Christ. Brother Fant, though recently called to pass through deep waters of affliction, yet continues his efforts in behalf of the cause of God.

In view of the wants of the Convention, the committee beg leave to commend these good, these active ministers of the gospel, to the favorable notice of the Convention, as their future Agents. All of which is respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF B. S. FANT.

BROTHER PRESIDENT—Those only who regard the public good, and the cause of God, with more attention than they do mere personal concerns, can form an adequate conception of the interest which I feel in presenting the report which is now due.

Since your last session I have been made to pass through many painful trials, and God alone has sustained me under them. In addition to my own personal afflictions, within the space of six weeks an affectionate sister and my dear loving companion, were both removed from their probationary state, I trust to join the spirits of the sainted world. The time that has not been devoted to said afflictions, I have used in promoting the objects of my agency, not so much on account of its being a pleasant work, as that of its necessity. Experience has taught me that the cause in which we are engaged, like most other good causes, will have its difficulties, and sometimes its persecutions, to struggle with. It is good then, to resolve in the strength of God, not to be driven from our stations; hoping that the thorns which are strewed in our way will hereafter blossom, and furnish garlands to decorate our administrations.

I am unable to say any thing decisive relative to the amount of good already effected, through the labors of the Convention; I am prepared however to say, that appearances at this time are singularly favorable; but appearances we know merit only a certain degree of reliance; yet, when it is recollected, that the present year has been one fraught with much to discourage our operations, particularly the object of Education, we cannot repine at the success which has hitherto attended our limited efforts; hoping at the same time, that our prospects will become more and more promising.

I have labored about six months and expended about fifty dollars. The mission subjects I have scarcely represented on any occasion. I have for Domestic missions, twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents; for Foreign missions, seven dollars and fifty cents. I have taken on subscription from a number of the most responsible persons in the state, between seven and eight thousand dollars, specially for the education of indigent young ministers; to be applied in any way which the Convention may devise. I have

received of the above and former subscriptions in cash, one thousand and twenty-three dollars and fifty cents. I would to God that the spirit which some of our brethren have manifested, would become more universal.

31. The committee on History, reported as follows :

BROTHER PRESIDENT: Your Committee on the History of the Baptists of Alabama, beg leave to Report, that we believe, under existing circumstances, it would be impolitic to make further effort for its completion, than to request agents and brethren favorable to the object, to collect materials and forward them to Elder H. Holcombe, at Jonesborough, Jefferson county, for preservation, until a more favorable time shall offer.—Respectfully submitted.

II. HOLCOMBE'S REPORT.

I have spent 125 days as an agent and a missionary; but as I was appointed only as an agent, I bestowed my labors as a missionary gratuitous. I spent 63 days as agent; expended \$9 37. Received as above for ministerial education, \$57, and subscriptions \$620; the most of which are to be paid at one and two years. Received for Foreign missions, \$15,68—Domestic missions, \$11 63.

ON THE HISTORY.—In two years, I have spent about 69 days in collecting materials, arranging and writing. I have written as much as 100 pages of the contemplated history, and about 400 letters on the subject, and have paid over \$1 postage on letters the last year.

32. The committee on Domestic Missions, presented the following report which was approved :

Your Committee to whom the subject of Domestic missions was referred, beg leave to Report:

It appears from the examination of the minutes, that the Convention at its last session, appointed four of our brethren to labor in the destitute parts of the State. Your committee have received reports from but two, and one of them has spent, as it will be seen, but a short time in the service of the Convention. Brother Atkinson, who by your appointment labors in the South-eastern part of the State, in his report alludes to very favorable changes that have taken place in the field of his operations; that the coldness and even opposition which he met with in many neighborhoods, have given place to the most marked attention and cordial co-operation. That in places where, during the first year of his labors he had almost despaired of effecting any thing in the cause of his Master, the Lord has been pleased graciously to pour out his spirit. He reports that he has spent the year in your service, during which time he has travelled three thousand seven hundred and fifty miles; preached one hundred and ninety sermons; baptized thirty-nine persons, and assisted in forming one missionary society. Brother Tallisero, whose field of labor embraces the counties of Benton, Cherokee, DeKalb, Marshall

and Jackson, in his report adverts to the great destitution in that region, and the desire manifested by the people to hear the gospel. Owing to the calls made upon him in his own neighborhood for ministerial labor, he has been able to spend but two months in the service of the Convention, during which time he travelled four hundred miles, preached sixty-three sermons, and assisted in constituting one church. We would urge by all means the re-appointment of these brethren. The fields in which they have been laboring, are truly ripe for the harvest, and if rightly attended to, we may expect a glorious ingathering of souls will be the result.

By sustaining your domestic missions you will most effectually advance in the support of the foreign also. The churches which your missionaries are instrumental in gathering and building up, will be missionary churches; they will add strength to this body, and advance the general cause of benevolence. We hope that the Convention will not be satisfied merely to reappoint the brethren, whose reports have been laid before it, but will send out other men who will be willing to spend their time in its service.

Before closing this report, your committee deem it necessary to remark in relation to the funds. It appears from examination of the minutes of our last session, and all the information we have been able to collect during this meeting, that there has not been a sufficient amount contributed to enable the Convention to fulfil its engagements with the few missionaries at present in its employ, and with reference to the monies sent up for domestic missions, we have noticed, that the most of it came from those destitute parts of the State where our missionaries are labouring; that those parts of the State where our denomination possesses wealth and influence, nothing, comparatively speaking, has been done. Believing, however, that this state of things arises from the fact, that the necessity of contributing for domestic missions, has not been sufficiently urged upon the churches; we recommend, that besides soliciting private donations, the ministers connected with this body, be requested to preach to each of their churches on the subject during the present year, and take up a public collection for the Domestic missions, under the patronage of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

33. The committee on nomination, reported, and were discharged. The names of the officers will appear on another page.

34. Elected other officers, whose names will also be found in another place.

35. It was proposed by A. J. Holcombe, that so much of the 4th and 5th articles of the Constitution as relates to the Manual Labor Institute, be stricken out, or so changed as to apply to any

other institution which may originate in the Convention; and that the 10th article be so amended, as to leave the time of meeting discretionary with the Convention. Also, that so much of that article as relates to the Board of Trustees of the Manual Labor Institute, be stricken out. Laid on the table for final action at the next annual meeting.

36. Resolved unanimously, That the Bye-Laws be so amended, as to appoint committees in the Convention by nomination. The President to nominate the first, that one a second, &c.

37. Resolved, That the Board of Managers be requested to consider it their duty to give more special attention to the subject of Domestic Missions; and to hold quarterly meetings in Tuscaloosa.

38. That Domestic Missionaries, Agents and other Ministers connected with the Convention, be requested to make collections whenever they can with expediency, for the support of Domestic Missionary operations, and report quarterly to the Board, the success of their labors, and the amount collected for this purpose.

39. That the Board dispose of so much of the funds, thus put into their hands, as may be necessary to pay demands held by our Missionaries for services already rendered.

40. Appointed J. Hartwell to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next annual meeting, and P. Crawford his alternate, D. P. Bestor to preach the Missionary sermon, and E. Baptist his alternate.

41. Statistics of the Baptist denomination in Alabama, for the last year, as made out by elder Hosea Holcomb:

"I regret that it is not in my power to present a more correct statistical view of our Denomination. I have written many letters during the past year, in order to obtain Minutes, and other means of correct information on the subject; but have not received Minutes from more than thirteen Associations, which is only about one-half the number in the State. And the latter part of this year has been a favorite time with a factional party, in the denomination: divisions made by said faction in our Churches and Associations, are unprecedented in the annals of the history of the Baptists. But we should not be discouraged, for "all things do work together for good, to them that love God, and are the called according to his purpose." Notwithstanding, we have had a great conflict, and have been called to pass through trying and afflictive scenes, the blessed Lord has in mercy visited many of our Churches, and poured out his Holy Spirit, and hundreds of precious souls have been born again, and are now crowding the gates of Zion.

From the best information obtained, and the most accurate calculation which we can make, there are between 20 and 25 Associations in the State, and others about being organized; there are more than 400 Churches, not much less, perhaps more, than 200 ministers; baptised about 2000; total number of Baptists in the State, 13,000, or more.

Will the brethren—the clerks—the moderators, or some other brethren, in their respective Associations, forward a copy of their minutes, as soon as printed, to H. Holcomb, Jonesborough, and continue to do so, from year to year; so that in future we may have a more minute, and correct table of our Churches, Ministers, &c. presented to the public."

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On hand from last year	\$75 00
From B. S. Fant, agent,	7 50
' Tuscaloosa Miss. Soc.	23 50
' S. M. Norris,	1 00
' Irwinton Church,	96 62
' Collin Finnelle,	3 75
' Marion B. Fe. Ben. So.	89 00
' Jones's Creek Church,	14 80
' Gainesville Church,	22 00
' Collected on Sunday,	35 75
' Hosea Holcombe, agent	15 68
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	\$384 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

To H. Holcombe, agent	33 49
' A. J. Holcombe, Sec'y	6 96

Subtracted, \$40 45

In the Treasury, \$314 15

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Jones's Creek Church,	\$7 40
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DISBURSEMENT.

To R. S. Foster treas. A B B S	7 40
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DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

From Irwinton Church	\$15 75
' Coosa River Ass'n	23 50
' T. Atkinson, dom. m.	152 68
' B. S. Fant, agent,	27 50
' W. H. Holcombe,	1 00
' C. T. Ford,	1 00
' A. J. Holcombe,	1 00
' M. B. Clement,	2 00
' Tuscaloosa Miss. Soc.	13 50
' B. S. Fant,	5 00
' D. P. Bestor,	5 00
' Marion Fem. Bap. Soc.	17 00
' Collection on Sunday	35 75
' Hosea Holcombe, agent	11 68
' Samuel Dubose,	5 00
' Unknown,	25

\$347 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

To H. Holcombe, agent,	30 28
' A. J. Holcombe, Sec'y	6 29
' T. Atkinson mis. prev. yr.	73 32
' T. Atkinson, for 1838,	200 00

Subtracted, 309 89

In the Treasury, \$37 72

EDUCATION OF YOUNG MINISTERS OF RELIGION.

On hand from last year	\$3 00
From B. S. Fant, agent,	1023 50
' A. Travis, agent,	20 00
' Tusc. Miss. Society	8 50
' Hosea Holcombe agent	57 00

\$1112 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To B. S. Fant, agent.	350 00
' H. Holcombe, agent,	66 36
' A. J. Holcombe, Sec'y	13 79

Subtracted 430 15

In the Treasury, \$681 85

ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

On hand from last year,	\$25 64
From J. L. Dagg,	7 00
' Edward Baptist,	5 00
' Thomas Norris,	5 00
' J. C. Foster,	2 00
' Benj. Hodges,	1 00
' Matthew P. Smith,	1 00
' John Melnis,	20 00
' Union Missionary Soc.	36 00
' Marion Bap. F. Ben. So.	4 00
' George W. Brame,	5 00
' Jones's Creek Church,	14 80
' Uncollected Tickets given on Sunday,	39 00

163 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

To H. Holcombe, agent,	14 25
' A. J. Holcombe, Sec'y	2 95
' Tho. Atkinson, Miss.	100 00

Subtracted, 117 21

In the Treasury, 46 23

UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Sent to M. P. Smith \$14
Disbursed accordingly.

By Blacks at Grant's Creek,	\$5 87
Tuscaloosa Missionary Soc.	1 00

\$6.87

RECAPITULATION.

Received in all, \$2,035 92
 Disbursed in all, 919 10
 Now in the Treasury, \$1,116 82

Some of the money, under order,
 as may be seen by the Minutes, is
 not yet drawn from the Treasury.

D. P. BESTOR, Tr.

43. Ordered, That the Treasurer transmit the funds for Foreign Missions, to the Treasurer of the General Convention, after defraying the due proportion of the expense of printing; provided the price of exchange shall exceed ten per cent.

44. Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to T. Atkinson \$73 39, for services rendered last year; and that the balance of the Domestic Mission fund, be proportionably paid to him and H. Taliaferro, for services rendered this year, after deducting the amount necessary for printing.

45. Ordered, That the Treasurer pay B. S. Fant, for services as agent, out of the Education fund, and H. Holcombe, from the several funds, for which he labored.

46. Ordered, That the Sermon preached on Saturday, be published in connexion with the Minutes, and be paid for from the Education fund.

47. Ordered, That the General Fund be applied to the payment of the Domestic Missionaries, and the writer of the History, in proportion to their several demands; that the funds for Bible distribution, be paid to the Treasurer of the Bible Society; and that fourteen dollars be paid to brother Smith.

48. Ordered, That the Treasurer be authorised to make such exchange of funds now on hand, which are under par, as he may be able.

49. According to request of the Treasurer of the Trustees, P. Crawford, L. Y. Tarrant, and Thomas Gresham were appointed a committee to examine his accounts, and report at next meeting.

50. Appointed J. A. Hendon, M. B. Clement, and D. P. Bestor, a committee to settle with brother McCraw, former treasurer.

51. Thomas Atkinson was re-appointed to his former field of missionary labor; to use his own discretion with regard to embracing a part of another county.

52. Resolved, That the Delegates who may be appointed to visit Domestic Missionary Societies in the State, be requested to use their influence to induce such Societies to become auxiliary to the Convention.

53. Appointed W. M. Tryon and D. P. Bestor, corresponding messengers to the Georgia Convention; the latter to write, and to answer particularly, that part of their communication relating to a Baptist College; B. S. Fant and J. H. Devotie, to the Tennessee; the former to write; H. Holcombe, M. B. Clement and B. S. Fant to Mississippi Convention; Clement to write; P.

Crawford and F. C. Lowery to Alabama Missionary Society ; Crawford to write ; H. Holcombe and W. H. Holcombe to the Canaan Association ; W. H. Holcombe to write ; B. S. Fant and H. H. Rockett, to the Flint River Missionary Society ; Rockett to write ; Clement and Fant to Muscle Shoals Society ; Clement to write ; DeVotie, J. A. Hodges, J. C. Keeney, and A. J. Holcombe, to Tuscaloosa Home M. Society ; DeVotie to write ; Hartwell and Crawford to Itinerant Society in Alabama Association ; Hartwell to write ; the same to the Itinerant Society in Bethlehem Association ; Crawford to write.

54. B. S. Fant kindly remitted \$5 which the Convention owed him for services rendered last year.

55. Ordered, that the Secretary draw on the Treasurer for the funds necessary to defray the expense of printing.

56. Ordered, that the Treasurer pay to the superintendant \$30 for his services, in superintending and distributing the minutes.

57. Appointed the next meeting of this body at Oakmulgee church, Perry county, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in November next.

58. On motion of J. Hartwell, it was agreed, that all unfinished business, if any, be referred to the Board of Directors.

59. After prayer and benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned, to meet at the time and place above named.

HOSEA HOLCOMBE, Pres't.

A. J. HOLCOMBE, Sec'y.

The President, according to constitutional provision, called a meeting of the Board of Directors, on Wednesday evening, the 14th Nov. at the Athenæum in Tuscaloosa. A quorum being present, it was

Resolved, That two other members be added to the committee on Education. Whereupon, B. Whitfield and J. Lacy were added.

The following resolutions were also unanimously adopted :

1. Resolved, That this Board feel the obligation, in accordance with the feelings manifested by the Convention, to give increased attention to the subject of Domestic Missions.

2. Resolved, That this Board respectfully and affectionately request all the Baptist ministers in the State, who are friendly to the object, to address their congregations on the importance of Domestic Missionary operations, some time before the first of February next, and take collections to aid the Board in sending the Gospel to the destitute of our own State.

3. Resolved, That the Board request that the funds thus collected be forwarded immediately to the Treasurer, D. P. Bestor of Greensboro',

to be appropriated, at the quarterly meeting of the Board, to be held in Tuscaloosa, on the fourth Saturday in February next.

Adjourned, to meet again at that time.

H. HOLCOMBE, Pres't.

A. J. HOLCOMBE, Sec'y.

NOTE.—The Corresponding Secretary has declined to make out any Report—stating, that all the matter which he could embrace in a Report, is embraced in other documents which appear in the minutes.

[SUPERINTENDANT.]

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